

Sample Declaration #7

Dear Your Honor,

In 2006 and 2008, I was convicted of two misdemeanor offenses for driving under the influence and one misdemeanor offense for driving without a license. Additionally, in 2017 I was charged with driving under the influence and assault. These charges were later dismissed but remain on my record. I take full responsibility for my past actions and I now petition this court to consider my motion to dismiss my convictions and seal my 2017 arrest record due to the work I have done to improve my life and overcome my past.

For many years, I struggled with alcohol addiction and tried many times to get help. Over the years I struggled to overcome extreme childhood trauma, the details of which I am still not comfortable describing. This trauma is not an excuse for my actions but it led to me starting to drink at the young age of 13.

At the time of my convictions, I was not only dealing with my alcoholism but I was also dealing with issues in my marriage and was very depressed. I know that is not an excuse for my behavior and I take full responsibility for my actions. My actions hurt my family and I have made great efforts to overcome my addiction and live a peaceful life because I want to be there for my family and I want to be proud of myself.

Since my charges and convictions, I have joined AA groups and I'm in the process of finding a sponsor. I have also been treated for depression and alcohol addiction and plan to continue on my path of recovery and sobriety.

I would like to clean up my record because it does not reflect the person I am today, and I would also like to have access to better employment opportunities so that I am better able to support myself and continue on a positive path.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the court expunge my record and seal my arrests so that I can continue to achieve my goals and contribute to society to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,